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OF MUNIALA EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the role of the existing Criminal Justice and Corrections Advisory Council has only been partially fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, the expectations of the Council need to be focused more closely on the correctional needs of the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the 51st Legislature passed an act requiring the Department of Institutions to develop a comprehensive plan for housing adult female inmates; and

WHEREAS, the 51st Legislature passed a number of bills which will affect male and female correctional populations; and

WHEREAS, the male and female prison populations continue to escalate; and

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing need to address prison and the correctional system caseload problems; and

WHEREAS, prison population projections forecast even more serious crowding problems in the future; and

WHEREAS, the need to address these prison crowding problems necessitate the involvement of a cross-section of Criminal Justice professionals, laypersons, and legislators.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STAN STEPHENS, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, specifically Section 2-15-122, MCA, do hereby create the Criminal Justice and Corrections Advisory Council, the role and scope of which shall be as follows:

I. PURPOSE

The Council is charged with thoroughly reviewing Montana's existing correctional systems and recommending modifications to those systems which will best serve the public's interest and expectations. Specifically, the Council shall:

- A) In cooperation with the Department of Institutions, develop a comprehensive plan to address the needs of Montana's adult female inmates.
 - 1) Consider the need to construct a new correctional facility for adult female inmates.
 - 2) Review incarceration alternatives for adult female offenders.
 - 3) Examine the feasibility of contracting with neighboring states for the incarceration of their adult female offenders.
 - 4) Review the possibilities of private sector funding for the construction and lease/purchase of an adult female correctional facility.
- B) Develop statistical data about current Montana sentencing statutes and practices with the understanding that this information will serve as a resource for any changes in sentencing practices that may be considered in the Governor's future recommendations to the legislature.
- C) Study the impact of sentencing legislation passed in the 51st Legislative session to determine how new sentencing practices further impact prison populations.
- D) Review the need for recodification of sentencing statutes and other laws relating to corrections.
- E) Examine current practices governing the parole and release of inmates.
- F) Further examine ways to address the crowding problems in our adult male correctional facilities; and
- G) Provide viable alternatives for addressing both male and female prison population problems.

II. COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The Council shall consist of the following persons who

shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor:

Senator Thomas Beck Representative Helen O'Connell 651 Greenhouse Road 703 4th Ave. S.W. Deer Lodge, MT 59722 Great Falls, MT 59401

Senator Pat Regan 204 Mountain View Billings, MT 59101

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Ms. Margaret L. Borg Honorable Thomas A. Olson 317 Woody Street 615 S. 16th Avenue Bozeman, MT 59771

Serving as ex-officio non-voting members are:

Mr. Henry E. Burgess 1506 Leslie Helena, MT 59601

Mr. Daniel D. Russell 1539 Eleventh Avenue Helena, MT 59620

Senator Thomas Beck shall serve as Chairperson.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE

The Department of Institutions shall provide staff assistance to the Council.

IV. COMPENSATION

Each Council member who is not a full-time salaried employee of the State or a political subdivision of the State is entitled to be compensated \$25 for each day in which he or she is actually and necessarily in the performance of Council duties. All Council members are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses as provided in Sections 2-18-501 through 2-18-505, MCA, incurred while in the performance of Council duties. The Department of Institutions shall pay the compensation and expense reimbursement.

V. DURATION

This Council shall exist until September 1, 1991.

VI. PRIOR EXECUTIVE ORDER REPEALED

Any Executive Order in conflict with the provisions of this Order is hereby repealed.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this day of July, in the year of our LORD, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eight-Nine.

The

STAN STEPHENS, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State